

City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
City Municipal Building
October 22, 2007

President McGoron opened the Meeting at 7p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Allen, , Mr. Diehm, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tegenkamp, are present, Mr. Comer absent.

Mrs. Hedger made a motion to excuse Mr. Comer, seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mrs. Hedger made a motion to accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of October 8, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Mrs. Ann Poole, 8010 Beech, addressed Council and announced her intention to resign from her current position as Tax Commissioner effective immediately. In addition she also resigned as Chairman of the Deer Park Historical Society and as a member of the Deer Park Republican Club.

Mrs. Dianne Jones, 7715 Monticello Ave inquired about the City's decision to contract with the Greater Cincinnati Water Works for trash and recycling billing services. Mr. Berens replied that each year there are many unpaid bills and that contracting the service out was the best option to insure prompt payment.

Mr. Fred Jones, 7715 Monticello Ave. stated that it is his opinion that the Greater Cincinnati Water Works is interested in building a water district and council should just be aware of that possibility.

Mrs. Ann Poole stated that she didn't have a problem with paying the city for Trash and recycling and voiced her disappointment that Council passed the resolution with only one reading. She was also concerned that the City would contract out for tax billing in the future. Mayor Collins replied that Council waived the three reading rule due to the short amount of time available to meet the Water Works deadline.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE

Mrs. Hedger asked the Mr. Berens to read Ordinance #07-35 by title only.

ORDINANCE #07-35 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO FILE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2006-2008 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. So read.

Mrs. Hedger made a motion to waive the 24-hour notification rule. Seconded by Mr. Allen. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mrs. Hedger moved the 3 reading rule be suspended. Seconded by Mr. Tegenkamp. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mrs. Hedger moved that Ordinance #07-35 be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Hall. ORDINANCE #07-35 was hereby adopted by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mrs. Hedger presented the Auditor and Treasurer's Report for September, 2007, reported that they were in balance and moved that they be accepted. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. Motion carried.

SAFETY

Mayor David Collins administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer David Wood. Officer Wood introduced his family members who were present.

Mr. Allen presented the August/September Deer Park-Silverton joint Fire District report.

Mr. Allen reported that the Police Department assisted serving a search warrant at a residence at 4361 Schenck in which stolen copper and other semi-precious metals were recovered. He also reported that Officer David Battin has moved to phase 2 of his Field Training and is performing very well. Also during the past few weeks the Police Department investigated two suspicious deaths and that the resident traffic complaint on Matson is still under investigation by the Police Department.

Mr. Allen requested City Council's approval to fill the third police officer position that was vacated earlier this year. Discussion ensued and it was decided to bring this back for discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to be reported at this time.

CITY OFFICIALS

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was read

LEGAL COUNSEL

No Report.

MAYOR

No Report

Without further business to be brought before Council at this time, Mr. Tegenkamp moved for adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Diehm. Motion passed by a unanimous voice-vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Pat McGoron,
President of Council

Michael J. Berens,
Clerk of Council Pro-Tem